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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Sprey et al.  
Appl. No. : 09/771,673  
Filed : January 29, 2001  
For : METHOD AND INSTALLATION  
FOR ETCHING A SUBSTRATE  
Examiner : Sylvia MacArthur  
Group Art Unit : 1763

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**STATUS INQUIRY**

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Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

Our file for the subject application reveals that there has been no action in this application since mailing of an Advisory Action on April 20, 2004, indicating that previously submitted amendments would not be entered.

Supervisory Examiner Gregory Mills stated via telephone on April 29, 2004 that the Advisory Action was to be rescinded and a new Office Action, entering the amendments, would be forthcoming. Supervisory Examiner Mills stated that the amendments should be entered as the Office Action mailed February 6, 2004 should have been deemed a non-final, rather than a final, Office Action. Thus, the amendments should not have been designated amendments "after final rejection" and should have been entered.

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Accordingly, please inform us as to the status of this application and whether a new Office Action will be forthcoming.

Respectfully submitted,

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